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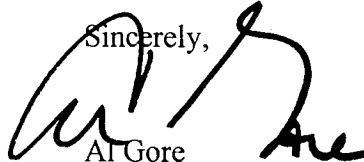
The Honorable Fred Feinstein  
General Counsel  
National Labor Relations Board  
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Dear Mr. Feinstein:

Congratulations to you, to the members of the Interregional Assistance Team, and to all of those in the NLRB's office of the General Counsel whose efforts are recognized today with the presentation of a fourth Hammer Award. I am grateful that you have invested the time and energy in several new ways to more effectively handle the cases before your agency. Again your agency's efforts have demonstrated the commitment of the many public servants throughout the government who are helping us to make government work better, cost less, and get results Americans care about.

The latest award recognizes the development of a case transfer method that improves efficiency and contributes to the important goal of timely and effective enforcement of the National Labor Relations Act. The NLRA is a law that both working people and employers rely on to provide orderly and fair labor relations. By safeguarding the fundamental rights to join a union and engage in collective bargaining, the NLRB through the years has played a critical role in encouraging the sound labor relations that are an essential part of a healthy economy.

Your successes in improving the enforcement of the law, as recognized by these Hammer Awards, have made an important difference to the working men and women of this country. I thank the many people at the NLRB who contributed to these significant accomplishments, and I urge you to continue in your spirit of innovation and customer service.

Sincerely,  
  
Al Gore

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